CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS OF AIKEN ARTIST GUILD
Amended November 9, 2026.

CONSTITUTION

Article I – Name

Section 1

A. The name of this organization shall be Aiken Artist Guild
B. The Guild is not-for-profit and none of its assets shall be used for the pecuniary gain or profit of any individual member. The Guild is noncommercial and nonpolitical.
C. In the event of dissolution of the Guild, all of its assets, properties and funds shall be turned over to one or more non-profit organizations of similar interest**.** Recipient to be determined by current board.

Article II-Objectives

Section I
The objectives of the Guild shall be:

A. To create an opportunity for local artists to participate in well-regulated exhibits that will expose to the citizens of Aiken County the wealth of artistic talent therein
B. To stimulate an appreciation of original visual arts in the area
C. To develop educational and other benefits for the members

Article III

Section I
General provisions: Membership

A. Members must be 17 years of age or older. Members in good standing are entitled to vote in all elections, hold office, and take part in all Guild activities.
B. Full Time Students aged 17-24 may join the Guild at a reduced membership fee to be determined by the Board. Full Time Student members may participate in all Guild activities but are prohibited from holding office on the Board of Directors. Full Time Student members must volunteer at one or more AAG member events each year.
C. Membership in the Guild may be gained by payment of the annual dues.

Article IV-Officers and Board of Directors

Section I
Officers

A. The Executive Officers of this Guild shall be the President, and/or/ Co-Presidents, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section II .
Board of Directors

A. The Board of Directors shall be composed of nine active members including the four Executive Officers

Section III
Term of Office

A. Members elected to the Board of Directors will serve in that capacity for two years. Members may serve for two terms. After two terms they may serve in a different capacity. The immediate past President will automatically serve on the Board as a non-voting member for one year. At the request of the President committee chairs may attend meetings of the Board of Directors.

Article V- Committees

Section I
Authorization

A. ~~The President shall appoint the chairs of committees as soon as possible after the annual election.~~ The President of the Board may establish, subject to Board approval, such other committees as may be required to assist the President and the Board with Guild operations.

Section II
Standing committees

A. Finance Committee. The committee shall consist of the Treasurer, the past Treasurer, a Guild member and the President. The Treasurer will chair this committee.

B. The President may appoint other committees as required

Article VI- Elections

Section I

A. Executive officers and Directors shall be elected by the membership at the last meeting of the Guild's fiscal year and shall assume office at the close of that meeting.

B. In the event an officer or director is unable to fulfill their term of office the Board will appoint a member to complete the resigning officer's or director's term. That member will be eligible to stand for election at term's end.

Article VII – Meetings

Section I
The regular meetings of the Guild shall be held monthly unless otherwise noted

Section II
Additional meetings of the Guild may be called at any time by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section III

The Board of Directors shall meet monthly or as often as deemed necessary at the call of the President or the majority of the Board.

Article VIII – Amendments

Section I

Amendments to the Constitution or By Laws of this Guild, after being approved by the Board of Directors must be sent out to all members at least ten days in advance of the meeting of the Guild at which they will be voted-on. Such amendments shall become effective immediately if approved by a two thirds vote of the members present.